

The Top Thread: Viewer's Choice Winner 2001!



The people have spoken!! Congratulations to Betty Phillips for winning the hearts (and votes) of the attendees at the second Waterfall Glen Chapter Exhibit for her "Two by Two (The Story of Noah)" cross stitched afghan (52" W x 60" L), designed by Sue Hillis.

Betty made the afghan for her youngest grandchild, Adam Carl Patterson. The blanket itself is an ecru 18-count Charles Craft alphabet afghan. Each square of the afghan is stitched over one, and the center is stitched over two. The pattern booklet is 84 pages long (!) and uses 94 different DMC floss colors! AND the animals are backstitched! As Betty put it, the pattern also required "a lot of patience and love." The project took three years to complete.

Betty first saw the completed pattern at a needlework show and just knew she had to do it even though she had just learned how to do counted cross stitch! Way to go Betty!

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Join me in welcoming Rita Pawlowicz as the incoming editor for the Waterfall Glen chapter newsletter! I've enjoyed doing the newsletter for the last 3+ years. My thanks to everyone for always answering my calls for information, photographs, and ideas!

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2001–2002 Chapter Calendar

November 2–4 Starved Rock Retreat

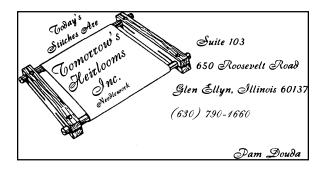
November 13 * Monthly chapter meeting

December 11 ** Monthly chapter meeting
Holiday Party & Potluck Dinner

January 8 Monthly chapter meeting—Location to be determined

* Where: Note the change in location for these meetings. Please join us at Trinity Lutheran Church in Burr Ridge at both the November and December 2001 meetings.

Your attendance at the November meeting is <u>especially</u> important since there will be a special vote on the future location for chapter meetings. Plan to attend or contact chapter president Maria Montero to relay your opinions about the selection of a site for WFG meetings. Hope to see everyone there!



Meetings of the Waterfall Glen Chapter of EGA

When: 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Where: at Argonne National Kakokatory's

APS Conference Center

Web site: http://www.hep.anl.gov/ega/waterfallglen.html

"Seasons in the Glen" Showcases WFG's Perennial Talents



"Spring" in the Glen—a sampling from the exhibit.

Only two short years after the chapter's firstever needlework exhibit, Waterfall Glen hosted a very successful second show! More than 450 pieces of needlework were displayed to the delight of both chapter members and visitors over the weekend of October 13–14, 2001. The exhibit was organized and managed by WFG members Karen Bonse, Debbie Celig, Cathy Kruk, Rita Pawlowicz, and Diane Tarkowski.

The chapter membership at large participated by stitching quilt squares (which were then made into three lovely wall hangings for drawing opportunities, see pg. 6) and ornaments sold as fund-raising items (with 50% of the monies being donated to a

charitable organization). Additionally, the chapter membership donated items for the 12 drawing baskets and volunteered their time and talents to help make the show a memorable event.

The following is a summary of selected show statistics:

Number of visitors Saturday and Sunday: 143 (not counting guild members, husbands,

police officers, caterers, etc.)

Income from drawings (wall guilts and baskets): \$921.00 total income

<u>Publications (Stitching Tips, Mystery Sampler instructions, Needlecase kits, Friendship Sampler</u>

<u>instructions</u>, <u>labels</u>, <u>and magazines</u>): \$171.00 total income

Membership: one new member

Ornaments: \$400.00 total sales (80 sold @ \$5 each)

(1/2 of profits go to charity)

The lucky winners of the drawing prizes included both chapter members and visitors to the exhibit. Congratulations to all of these lucky people!

Volunteer's Prize: Kathy Christie

Hardanger and Sampler Basket: Pat Kitsum

<u>Stress and Relaxation Basket</u>: Sandy Andrews

Stress and Relaxation II Basket: Donna Voldi

Back to Nature Basket: Debbie Celig

Food from the Heart Basket: Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Tarkowski

Stress and Relaxation III Basket: Annette Denali (continued on p. 4)

("Seasons in the Glen" continued from p. 3)

Christmas Basket: Jan Rannochio

Stitcher's Tools Basket: Carol Schall

Stitcher's Tote: Mrs. Mitchell Tarkowski

Stitcher's Tools II Basket: Carol Schaal

Sponsor's Basket: J. Roloff

Sponsor's Basket II: Cindy Vande Woude

Quilt #1: Heather Lux

Quilt #2 (9 square): Susan Zigler

Quilt #3: Mary Witt



Summertime exhibit materials.

In addition to enjoying the wealth of wonderful needlework on display, visitors could sit down and try their hands at embroidery at the Make-it Take-it tables.

Detailed financial summaries of the expenses vs. profits for the exhibit will be calculated by show organizers and presented to the membership at a later date.

Once again, hearty congratulations to the organizers for all of the hard work, creativity, and tireless enthusiasm—we all agree the payoff was one terrific show!



Fabulous Fall items brightened the show with their great colors.



"Make-it Take-it" was a learning opportunity for visitors.



The Winter displays warmed all hearts!

Letter from the President

Fall is finally here! You can see the leaves starting to change colors, and the days getting shorter and colder. This year has definitely gone by fast. At first it seemed like the exhibit was very far away, and now it is *over*! The exhibit was a total success. Please join me in thanking the following people that were very instrumental in putting everything together: Diane Tarkowski, Karen Bonse, Cathy Kruk, Rita Pawlowicz, and Debbie Celig; all of you deserve a round of applause for all of the hard work you put in!

A special thanks also goes out to each and every one of you that stitched a square and/or ornaments. Everything was so beautiful, and I have heard many good compliments from people about the beautiful work everyone does. The winner of the Best in Show award was the "Two by Two (The Story of Noah)" cross stitched afghan by Betty Phillips. Congratulations Betty from all of us in the WFG chapter!

Everyone put in so much time into stitching the quilt squares and then making the quilts—they turned out so beautifully. What makes me sad is that we will not be able to see them again. I am very happy for all of the winners, but I would have wished that a member of our guild could have won at least one of them. Here is an idea: Next year we do not have an exhibit scheduled, so maybe we should consider making more quilts and sell chances to all guild members. Or we could create a "Friendship Quilt" project among those who would like to participate. A couple of our guild members were tossing ideas back and forth during the exhibit and I think it is definitely worth pursuing.

This year is almost over, and we only have one more major project left. The first weekend of November we will be having the Mary vandenBerg weekender at Starved Rock. Cathy has lots of things planned for that weekend, so come prepared to have fun, stitch, and relax with friends. In December, we will end the year with the Christmas party, which will be a potluck dinner and an ornament exchange. Details on the December program will be made available at the November meeting.

With the year coming to an end, we need to start thinking about serving on the board for the year 2002 (please see pg. 7). We should all start thinking about how to fill these important positions in our chapeter. Pam Casarda, Rita Pawlowocz, and Jane Wenzel have formed a Nominations Committee. If you receive a call from one of them, please remember that without volunteers to serve on the various committees, we will not exist as a chapter. So please help by volunteering.

Maria Montero Chapter President

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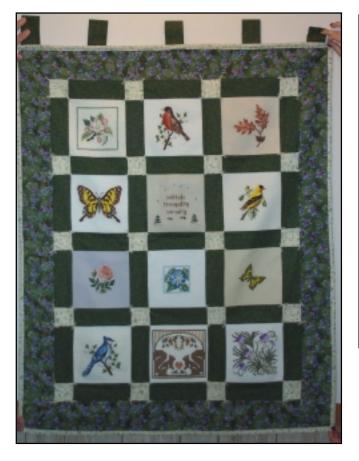
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Gone But Not Forgotten!





The chapter's three drawing quilt wall hangings: Upper left, "Solitude;" upper right, "9-Patch;" and lower left, "Woodland Walk."

Although no one in WFG was fortunate enough to have won one of these lovely wall hangings, the entire chapter can be excited by the fact that they were stitched, pieced, and finished with skill and artistic flair by our membership! What a great source of pride for our chapter!

Special thanks to Cathy Kruk for spearheading this great project—and thanks also to <u>everyone</u> who participated in the quilt construction! You are too numerous to list here but worthy of a standing ovation in our eyes!





WANTED: Corresponding Secretary and Publicity Chair

The 2002 Board is shaping up! So far, WFG only needs a corresponding secretary and publicity chair! Here's the line-up so far...

President Joyce Kinnally VP Karen Bonse **Treasurer** Jane Stevens **Recording Secretary** Debbie Celig **Programs 2002** Cathy Kruk **Programs 2003** Kathy Christie Exhibit 2003 Diane Tarkowski Carol Schaal **Education** Librarian Jean Tarkowski **Hospitality** Pam Casarda Welcoming Ann Endres Newsletter Rita Pawlowicz **Directory** Maria Montero Community Outreach Susan Strasser **Fund Raising** Ginny Munson Jane Wenzel **Membership**

If the meeting location is moved to Trinity Lutheran Church, however, it is possible the chapter will also need a new website hosting location and webmaster.

The nominating committee is actively seeking volunteers to complete the slate—please consider joing this great group of gals in making 2002 a terrific year for our chapter!



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